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NEWS NOTES

Smoking cessation classes

The U.S. Army Occupational Health Clinic-Tobyhanna will offer a Smoking Cessation Class, if there is sufficient interest. The class consists of 8 sessions and costs \$30. Ten people need to sign up to schedule the class. Interested employees should call Elizabeth Abraham, X58230.

Day of Caring May 10

The United Way of Wyoming Valley will conduct its annual Day of Caring May 10.

Hundreds of people throughout the community will participate in various volunteer service projects to benefit United Way organizations and non-profit organizations. Last year more than 900 volunteers representing 50 local businesses in Wyoming Valley participated in the event.

For more information or to volunteer, contact John Ross, X57256, or john.ross@us.army.mil.

Case lot sale

The Commissary will hold a case lot sale May 11 and 12. For more information, call the Commissary at 895-7246.

Golf tournament set for June

The annual Sandy Sutherland Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament will tee off at 11 a.m. June 18 at Pine Hills Country Club in Taylor. The tournament uses the captain and crew format. The cost is \$80 for greens fee, cart and dinner following golf. Proceeds benefit veterans served by the VA Medical Center, Plains, and the Gino Merli Veterans' Center, Scranton. Registration forms are available in the Public Affairs Office. For more information, call Joe Sylvester, 961-2696.

Hunter education class

There will be a free hunter education class July 27 and 28 in the Mack Fitness and Recreation Center for people ages 12 and older. The course is open to the public. Limited space is available so advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, call X57583 or X58851.

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Navy mission swells by 50%

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

A GPS-related mission for the Navy has swelled by 50 percent. The AN/ASN-163, Miniaturized Airborne Global Positioning System Receiver (MAGR) workload increased from 190 to 285 units.

Tobyhanna electronics mechanics overhaul the navigational aids, which are common to many Air Force and Navy aircraft. Its use is similar to commercial GPS. Using satellite mapping technology, the software allows aircraft crews to know their precise location and relay it to others.

Depot employees have been repairing the MAGRs since the mid-1990s. Nine members of the Navigation Systems Branch (Command, Control and Computer/Avionics Directorate) work on the receiver.

A program official with the Naval Inventory Control Point in Philadelphia said he is "extremely" satisfied with the quality of repair work Tobyhanna Army Depot provides.

"The Tobyhanna team actively participates in bi-weekly conference calls and proactively and consistently responds when problematic situations arise," said Russell Young, Logistics Project Management Team Lead. He also pointed out that the depot has teamed up with other government agencies in "extraordinary ways which continue to make a true difference to the warfighter."

Young said the Navy anticipates continued high MAGR usage in the future.

"We have hundreds of units cycling through the repair system at any given time," he said. "The MAGR can no longer be procured, so the timely quality repair we receive from Tobyhanna is vital."

Jeff Tavella and his coworkers agree that the work they do is "extremely important to the pilot and mission." The receivers indicate position, speed and altitude at all times, he explained, and their reliability offers a sense of security, especially when navigating at night. Tavella analyzes, troubleshoots, overhauls and repairs the MAGR.

Branch employees use state-of-the-art equipment such as the three Integrated Family of Test Equipment (IFTE) stations to determine what electrical and mechanical repairs are needed.



Les Sharp, electronics mechanic, inspects and cleans the front panel connectors after soldering them onto an AN/ASN-163, Miniaturized Airborne Global Positioning System Receiver (MAGR). (Photo by Tony Medici)

Darrin Sheare uses a laser stripper to remove the conformal coating that protects circuit cards before making repairs. He also tests the cards and replaces damaged components.

"I know that at the end of the day I've done everything possible to turn out a great, reliable product that ensures the safety of our military family."

Mechanics return the equipment to like-new condition by replacing connectors on the front of the receiver, inspecting circuit boards and repairing corrosion.

Harsh conditions often cause the C-size batteries to corrode and damage components, according to Les Sharp. The mechanics have

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Depot rolls out red carpet

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Milestone year for Purple Heart Medal

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Take time to stop, smell the flowers

I think it's safe to say, "spring is finally here."

Although winter seemed to be quite mild, spring snow storms definitely reminded us that "old man winter" still had plenty of punch left.

Now that we've experienced a beautiful weekend with sunshine and balmy weather, I believe more of these good days should follow.

And just in the nick of time, as far as I'm concerned.

Although I'm usually a positive, upbeat person, I've had a very hard year. Losing Nancy was a terrible blow. I've struggled at times to see the good, or find the silver lining. I don't mind telling you that the delayed spring with all the snow, gloomy days, cold weather and storms often caused me to struggle with depression. One can take only so many days without sunshine.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by
Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley



So I am reveling in the good weather, as a parched man in the desert drinks his fill when he finds cool, clear water.

And that is what I encourage all of you to do as well. Take the time to walk the dog in the evening. Turn off the television and play with the children. Cook on the barbecue grill and eat on the porch.

As I look back, I think of all the missed opportunities to slow down and enjoy the blessings around me. Life seems to streak by, and all of a sudden, you're old (or older) and you ask, "Where did all the time go?"

I remember reading an article in a religious magazine entitled, "Hyacinths for the Soul." The author was describing an evening when she was asked to baby sit for a young ministerial couple's two children, while they went out for the evening. The pastor and his wife were struggling to pay the bills and take care of their family, so the author wondered how they could afford a fancy night out.

Late that evening, upon the couple's return, they paid her for taking care of the children and the wife handed her a beautiful bouquet of hyacinths. The author's curiosity got the better of her, and so she asked the young wife how they were able to enjoy their night out on the town. Her reply left a lasting impression on the author (and me).

Let me paraphrase her answer. Yes, it was expensive and

yes, we really couldn't afford to take this night out. But we really can't afford not to feed our relationship, and feed our souls. So we find the means and the time to enrich our lives, and we call it "Hyacinths for the Soul." I am giving you this bouquet of hyacinths so you will understand how important this night has been for us.

Life seems to pass by all too quickly. Before we know it, our children are grown, our hair has turned gray (or disappeared) and we are looking back rather than forward. Stop and smell the flowers along the way as they bloom and share their wonderful fragrance.

Relish the blessings of this new spring, and get your hands dirty enjoying it. Be active, not passive, and live life with all the joy you can manage. Remember the story of "Hyacinths for the Soul."

I guess this delayed spring has really forced me to long for what is important, and motivated me to enjoy every moment. I have often been guilty of doing, running, rushing, and racing – oblivious to what is around me. And everything I missed was my own fault. But, not this spring.

I haven't planted roses around my house for over six years. This year, they're going in the ground, and I think I'm going to plant every color I can find.

Come by in a week or two, and see how they turn out.

THANKS

To my depot friends and fellow employees,

It is so hard to find the right words to express my gratitude for all the emotional support, caring and expressions of sympathy I have received with the loss of my husband, Robert Soboleski, on Jan. 14.

On the morning of Bob's funeral, I experienced another loss. My home and possessions of more than 33 years burned to the ground. So this year has been especially difficult for me.

Without all of the support from my co-workers, supervisors and friends, I don't think I would have had the strength to handle this loss. The generosity of spirit and love that I have received makes the grief and sorrow easier to accept as each day goes by.

Please accept my heartfelt "thank you" to everyone, especially the Production Management Directorate, Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union, the Tobyhanna Women's Club and co-workers who cared so much and gave their complete support so freely. The clothing and monetary contributions are a great start after losing everything. All of you have made a sad time in my life more bearable and have helped the healing start after the loss of my husband and home.

**With deepest appreciation,
Arlene Soboleski and family
Production Management Directorate**

I would like to thank Security Division's 2nd shift personnel for their assistance and help April 16. I was stuck in the snow in the Building 12 parking lot and they assisted me in getting unstuck. I thank Staff Sgt. Daryl Timothy from the High Tech Regional Training Site—Maintenance; Sgt. Patrick Wall, desk sergeant, and Officers Thomas Schmidt and Steve Yancheck for helping me. They were very professional and courteous.

**Bill Jackowitz
Communications Systems Directorate**

Officials say extended deployments should alleviate stress on the Army

by Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Extended overseas deployments affecting Soldiers serving in Afghanistan and other locales overseen by U.S. Central Command should help to alleviate the stress on the Army, a senior U.S. officer in Afghanistan told Pentagon reporters April 24.

"I'm absolutely confident that that's going to work and that'll manage the pressure and the stress on the force," Army Col. Martin Schweitzer, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team, said during a satellite-carried news conference.

All active U.S. Army units already operating within U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, including Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa, or en route there "will deploy for not more than 15 months and return home for not less than 12 months," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced at a Pentagon news conference.

The change automatically increased the length of Soldiers' overseas tours in those areas from 12 to 15 months.

A 22-year Army veteran, Schweitzer is on his second tour in Afghanistan, having previously served there in 2002. The colonel began his

current tour of duty in Afghanistan in January.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team operates in Paktika, Paktia, Lowgar, Ghazni and Khost provinces in the southeastern part of Afghanistan, Schweitzer said, noting this is the brigade's first overseas deployment.

The 15-month deployments are needed to ensure that the Army retains the capacity to sustain the deployed force, Army Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of Multinational Corps Iraq, said April 13 from Baghdad during a teleconference with Pentagon reporters.

The tour extensions will provide more predictability and stability for Soldiers and their families, Odierno said, noting the policy "will ensure 12 months at home station between rotations."

Schweitzer acknowledged difficulty in measuring how the extended deployment affects individual Soldiers under his command. However, he expressed strong support for the personnel decisions made by senior defense department and Army leaders.

The Pentagon's civilian and military leaders "put a lot of rigor and analytical analysis into this (tour extension) to determine what is best for the service and what is sustainable," Schweitzer said.

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EXCELLENCE IN
ELECTRONICS

First-time mission aids operations center maintenance

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Technical writers here approved, and helped write, a new technical manual for a Trailer Mounted Support System (TMSS) ahead of schedule.

Kathy Marshall, working with Tom Marsico, reviewed and approved the manual as lead technical writer representing the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command's Program Manager – Tactical Operations Centers Support/Command and Control System Avionics Directorate. Both are equipment specialists in the Technical Publications and Provisioning Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

The division provides one-stop shopping for the development of Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) products in support of field and depot sustainment to the warfighter. Marshall says personnel provide accurate and up-to-date information about equipment, such as operational, software application, maintenance and parts information in the form of technical manuals (TM) and provisioning databases.

"Normally TMs are approved at the program manager level," Marsico said. "Not only did we approve it here, we developed the technical manual and additional ILS products as the Product Support Integrator in three months; it usually takes more than a year."

The TM is for a shelter that acts as a command center for the Command Post Platform (CPP), says Alan Borgacci, division chief. The shelter is a trailer-mounted support system that contains a climate-controlled shelter and a suite of computers and projectors to display data to commanders.

"The shelter has all the equipment commanders need for situational awareness," he said. "It acts as a tactical operations center."

The CPP acts like a switchboard, passing information across the battlefield via a secure computer network, says Gary Adams, the CPP New Equipment Training Instructor for Northrop Grumman. "The CPP shelter brings the CPP elements under one roof to help commanders make quick, informed decisions," he added. "Tobyhanna and the Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter company wrote the TMSS tech manual."

Adams worked with Tobyhanna employees and Soldiers to verify the TMSS TM in six stages: Theory of operations, operations, operator troubleshooting, operator maintenance, service troubleshooting and service maintenance.

"We would insert a fault into the environmental control unit, for example, and the Soldiers consult the tech manual to troubleshoot the problem, then go through the corrective steps outlined in the manual," Adams explained. "If a corrective step fails to fix the problem, they go to a second service level that has more detailed instructions. The tech manual also outlines the tools needed to correct a specific fault."

"Doing this also verifies that the TMSS shelter is supportable," Borgacci said. "Once that is done, the CPP program will obtain a full material release from C-E LCMC,



Sgt. Mark Grube of the 392nd Signal Battalion works with Timothy Stauffer (middle) and Edward Klepar to verify the new technical manual of the Trailer Mounted Support System. The manual was co-written and approved by personnel in the Technical Publications and Provisioning Division, Production Engineering Directorate. Stauffer is an electronics technician in the Communications Systems Directorate and Klepar is a general equipment mechanic in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate.



The Trailer Mounted Support System is a shelter that acts as a command center for the Command Post Platform. Gary Adams stands at the entrance of the climate-controlled shelter, which houses a suite of computers and projectors to display data to commanders. (Photos by Tony Medici)

then full rate production is authorized by the Project Manager. We used the High Tech Regional Training Site (Maintenance) area for the verification."

Marshall said the verification was completely successful and the TM only needed minor changes. Editorial changes were completed in less than two weeks.

Sgt. William Wolfe, a mechanic in the 318th Maintenance Company, said the TM was accurate and that, just prior to verification completion on March 28, he had made only two corrections.

"The drawings have to be as accurate as possible so repairs

can be made quickly," he noted. "We also tested the shelter for practicality in the field. It is surprisingly easy to set up and is comfortable to work in."

A generator mechanic from the 392nd Signal Battalion said he found a few steps missing, but they were easily corrected. "Nothing really stands out," said Sgt. Mark Grube. "Overall, the TM is pretty good. And I appreciate the ability to make corrections on a laptop (computer)."

Marshall added that the TM will eventually reside in the Logistics Support Activity, where it will be maintained and updates made as necessary.

A May 12 ceremony will formally dedicate a memorial here honoring prisoners of war and military personnel listed as missing in action.

The council began the initiative to construct the memorial in 2001. The council conducted numerous fund-raising events, said Caroline Jurosky of the veterans' council.

Additional funds were raised through subscriptions for engraved pavers at the memorial.

Veterans' organizations and many individuals subscribed to the pavers, which honor family members and friends. There is space at the memorial site for more pavers.

In 2005, the council formally offered the memorial as a gift to the installation, which was accepted by the Secretary of the Army.

Former POWs, family members of those listed as missing in action, veterans' organizations and the public are invited to attend the dedication ceremony.

A highlight of the May 12 program will be the raising of a special POW/MIA flag. The flag, donated by Rolling Thunder Chapter 3, was carried in the Ride for Freedom XIX last May in Washington DC. On July 4, it flew over the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii.

POW/MIA dedication May 12

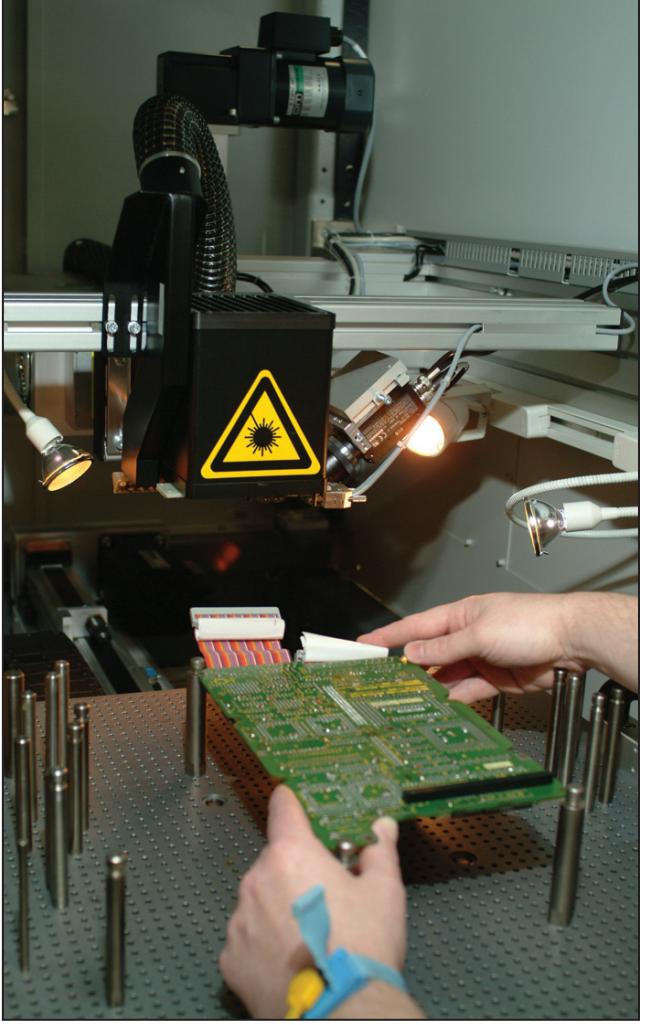
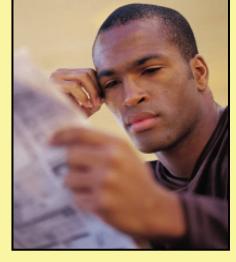
A May 12 ceremony will formally dedicate a memorial here honoring prisoners of war and military personnel listed as missing in action.

The 11 a.m. ceremony marks the culmination of several years of effort by the Tobyhanna Veterans Council to raise funds to design and build the POW/MIA memorial.

The new memorial is located near the depot's World War II memorial and Veterans Park. The 60-foot diameter memorial features a four-foot black granite stone with the POW/MIA symbol and black granite benches for major wars and conflicts. A

Feature stories sought

The Tobyhanna Reporter is looking for feature stories about depot employees. If you have, or know someone who has, an interesting story to tell, contact the Reporter staff (see contact information on Page 2). We've published articles about employee interests ranging from boat racing to blacksmithing; some have earned awards at the highest levels of the Army.



Darrin Sheare, electronics mechanic, mounts a circuit card on the laser conformal removal equipment prior to testing. (Photo by Tony Medici)

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to disassemble the units to remove all the corrosion before testing.

"There are a number of connectors that quite often have to be replaced," Sharp said. To do that, the mechanics have to remove everything in the unit, then the front panel just to get to the connectors."

Team members realize the importance of their mission and how their work impacts the men and women serving in the military.

Ruth Sutton, electronics mechanic, has been working on the MAGR since January 2005. Her responsibilities include cleaning the unit and checking for visible damage.

"I make sure circuit cards are up to date, broken connectors are repaired and any battery corrosion is cleaned off," she said. "I do as much as possible before the units are tested electrically."

Sutton believes reliable navigation equipment is essential to the well-being of the warfighters. "They are the reason that I come here every day, and they deserve only the best that I can give them"

Depot observes Asian Pacific Month

**by Mary Noldy
Equal Employment Specialist**

Every May, we celebrate Asian Pacific American (APA) Month. In May 1990, President George H. Bush designated May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Prior to this date, the first 10 days of May were celebrated annually as designated by a Joint Resolution signed by President Jimmy Carter on Oct. 5, 1978.

May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and for the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, to recognize Chinese immigrants, who provided most of the labor to build the railroad.

Contributions to America by Asian Americans continue. A Japanese American, Minoru Yamasaki, made significant recent contributions to this country with his brilliant designs of large buildings built here, including the World Trade Center, and overseas, such as Madrid, Spain.

Yamasaki was born in Seattle, Wash., on Dec. 1, 1912. Yamasaki's parents, John Tsunejiro and Hana Yamasaki, emigrated from Japan.

Koken Ito, Yamasaki's uncle and an architect, introduced him to architecture. Yamasaki soon found he liked this field and began taking courses in it. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he moved to New York and earned a master's degree in architecture from the University of New York. Yamasaki later earned a Doctor of Fine Arts from Bates College.

He then began working with the architecture firm responsible for



Minoru Yamasaki was well known for his designs of large buildings built in the United States and overseas.

designing the Empire State Building and the Rockefeller Center.

In 1951, he started his own architectural partnership in Detroit, Minoru Yamasaki and Associates. This new firm landed several major commissions in the 1950s, including the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Project and the Lambert-St. Louis Airport terminal, which won the American Institute of Architects' First Honor Award in 1951.

A breakthrough commission came for Yamasaki in 1954 when he was awarded the design of the U.S. Consulate in Kobe, Japan. This achievement led to many more commissions, from the firm's first major high-rise office building, the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, to the Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

He was instrumental in the design of more than 30 significant structures.

Ironically, Yamasaki had acrophobia, or fear of heights, which explained why he selected narrow windows spaced between numerous columns to allow light in without making the view outside so noticeable. Had the walls been made of glass like many contemporary skyscrapers, he would have been nervous in the very buildings he designed to satisfy his customers.

In 1963, Yamasaki received the commission for The World Trade Center, which would include the tallest buildings in the world at the time.

The actual work began in 1965 and the World Trade Center One building was completed in 1972. The second World Trade Center building was completed in 1976. His design included twin 110-story towers set within a broad public plaza and framed by lower secondary structures.

Yamasaki said of his greatest project, "World trade means world peace," and thus the trade center should be "a living symbol" of global harmony.

Yamasaki died Feb. 6, 1986. Had he been alive on Sept. 11, 2001, Yamasaki no doubt would have been devastated by the senseless destruction of the towers and the loss of so many innocent lives.

Yamasaki's brilliant skill as an architect earned him many awards and recognition. He is remembered for his many contributions to America and other countries.

Yamasaki became the first Japanese American to be honored as alumnus of the year – the Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award – by the University of Washington and its alumni association. (Source: www.historylink.org)

Purple Heart Medal marks anniversary

This year marks the 225th anniversary of the creation of the Badge of Military Merit by Gen. George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. Today, it is known as the Purple Heart Medal, since it was revived and approved by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1932.

In 1982, the 200th anniversary of Washington's act, the depot dedicated a plaque to depot personnel who were recipients of the Purple Heart. This milestone year, it is appropriate to update that plaque. The plaque currently is on display on the main aisle of Building 1A near the main entrance to the Electronics Enclosure.

A ceremony and unveiling of the new plaque will take place in August. Depot personnel who have earned the Purple Heart and would like to have their name included on the new plaque should submit a copy of their DD Form 214 to Ron Pugliese no later than July 1. They also should designate their branch of service and the war or conflict in which the PHM was earned.

Pugliese is the depot's veterans' advocate. Send submissions to mail stop 5096 or for more information, call X57726.





Just passing through

Soldiers from the Missouri National Guard spent two nights at Tobyhanna during a training mission to Fort Devens, Mass. The 1138th and 1221st Transportation companies traveled with about 160 Soldiers and 80 vehicles to pick up assets to support a new off-road mission. The Missouri National Guard gained the 1138th as an additional company in August and the Army convoy hauled the unit's equipment from Massachusetts to Missouri,

according to Staff Sgt. James Moore, training noncommissioned officer. Tobyhanna fed and sheltered the Soldiers while they were here April 15-16 and April 23-24. Staff members at the Post Restaurant served about 600 meals. The contingent spent the night in the Mack Fitness and Recreation Center. During the trip, the units also stayed in Indiana, Ohio and Massachusetts. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)

TICKETS & TOURS

For more information, call the One Stop Shop, X58851

Bus trips

- Philadelphia Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves, 1:05 p.m. Aug. 12. The cost is \$40 and includes a ticket, bus ride, bag lunch, bag of nuts and \$10 concession-stand credit.
- New York Yankees vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:05 p.m. June 10. The cost is \$30 and includes a ticket, bus ride, bag lunch and bag of nuts.
- New York Yankees vs. Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m. July 4. The cost is \$30 and includes the ticket, bus ride, bag lunch, and bag of nuts.
- King Tut exhibit at the Franklin Institute and Philadelphia Zoo, June 23, cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for youth 11 years old and younger. The cost includes bus trip, exhibit entrance fee and admission to the zoo.

Tickets on sale

- Wilkes-Barre Scranton Pioneers, 16 home games. Cost is \$25 for seats in section 110; \$20 for seats in section

Bush: U.S. security tied to success in Iraq

by Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON —

Although most Americans would like to see the conflict in Iraq end and U.S. troops come home, America must persevere in Iraq to ensure its own future security, President Bush said here April 24.

"No matter how frustrating the fight can be and no matter how much we wish the war was over, the security of our country depends directly on the outcome in Iraq," Bush said in a White House statement on the 2007 Iraq war supplemental spending bill.

Bush spoke against Congress's proposed bill, which ties funding for the war with withdrawal deadlines for U.S. troops from Iraq. Setting

withdrawal deadlines would let the enemy know exactly how long they have to wait before they can try to take over Iraq and use it as a base for future attacks, he said.

"A lesson of 9/11 is that allowing terrorists to find a sanctuary anywhere in the world can have deadly consequences on the streets of our own cities," Bush said. "Precipitous withdrawal from Iraq is not a plan to bring peace to the region or to make our people safer at home. Instead, it would embolden our enemies and confirm their belief that America is weak."

Withdrawing from Iraq before the job is done would be an invitation to terrorists to attack America and its allies around the world, Bush said, and would increase the chance that American troops would

have to return to Iraq one day and face a stronger enemy.

Bush said he listened when, in the November 2006 election, the American people voiced a desire for change in the strategy in Iraq. Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, the new commander of Multinational Force Iraq, is carrying out a strategy that's drastically different from the previous strategy, Bush said. While the people voted for change in Iraq strategy, Bush added, "the American people did not vote for failure."

"The price of giving up (in Iraq) would be paid in American lives for years to come," Bush said. "It would be (an) unforgiveable mistake for leaders in Washington to allow politics and impatience to stand in the way of protecting the American people."

VLTP

Thousands of Tobyhanna Army Depot employees have donated more than 43,769 annual leave hours to help 407 people over the past 19 years.

The voluntary leave transfer program (VLTP) lets federal employees donate annual leave to fellow employees who have exhausted their annual and sick leave because of either a personal or family medical emergency.

In addition, people in "use or lose" status can donate excess leave days to employees participating in the VLTP.

For more information about the VLTP, call Theresa Planchock, X57963; or Joseph Heitman, X57324, Management Employee Relations Division, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

There are 21 active VLTP cases with eligible employees.

Edward J. Baker, Materiel Management Division, Production Management Directorate.

Clyde E. Beavers, Voice Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

Paula Brodie, Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

Erich C. Buehring, Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Stacey Marie Eshelman, Firefinder Engineering Support Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

Sally Franks, Requisitioning Section, Requisitioning Branch, Materiel Management

Division, Production Management Directorate.

Joseph Haupt, Q37 Systems Branch, Firefinder Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

Denise Hoffman, Electronic Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

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Robert R. Jones, LOGSA, Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center.

Justin Frey, Defense Distribution Depot-Tobyhanna, Light Distribution Team.

Jake Haff, Defense Distribution Depot-Tobyhanna, Light Distribution Team.

NEW SUPERVISORS

Robert Abromavage is chief of the Assembly Branch, Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

As chief he supervises 32 people who overhaul, modify and upgrade numerous configurations of shelter and trailer-mounted electronics systems. Employees also build new configurations of shelter and Humvee-mounted electronics and maintenance systems.

Prior to his current position he was a sheet metal mechanic leader. He began his career at Tobyhanna in September 1974.

Abromavage is a 1973 graduate of Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre.

He and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Daleville. They are parents to Justin, 27; Heather, 24, and Maggie, 22.

Abromavage enjoys reading and working around the house.



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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Wilkes-Barre Back Mountain, Kingston, Pittston:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 5/4/9, van, 7 passengers, non-smoking, starts Route 309 in Shavertown, call Jim, X58693.
- **Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, New Jersey, Bangor and Mt. Bethel:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, call John, X58751.
- **Brodheadsville, Saylorsburg, Effort, Blakeslee:** Individual would like to start or join a van pool, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, call Brian, X57516.

- **Route 80, Western N.J area:** Individual would like to start a van/car pool, call Robin, X57345.

- **Berwick, Nescopeck, Conyngham:** 6 seats, non-smoking, 5/4/9, can run every Friday, call Erin Priestman, X59779.

- **West Scranton:** 4 openings, 5/4/9, non-smoking, pick up at Eckarts, call Bob Jones or Bill Thomas, X58140.

- **Montdale, Archbald, Jessup:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, pick up at Jessup park/ride, shared driving, call Michele, X57565.

- **Weatherly, White Haven:** 2 openings, 7 passengers, van, 5/4/9, pick up, runs both Fridays, non-smoking, call John Gower, X58805 or Cheryl Bachart, X58640.

- **Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, Harvey's Lake (Back Mountain area):** Openings, 5/4/9, non-smoking, meet at Thomas' Market, call Mike, X59103 or Tom, X57625.

- **Mountain Top, White Haven:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., non-smoking, call Janet, X57532.

- **Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, leaves Veteran's of Foreign War building at 6 a.m., call John, X56250.

- **Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, 5/4/9, "A" placard, call Richard, X59343.

- **Avoca, Duryea, Moosic:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, "A" placard, call Paul, X57431.

- **Factoryville, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, "A" placard, 5/4/9, call Tom Talarico, X57081.

- **Dallas, Shavertown, Exeter:** Accepting names for waiting list, van, 7 passengers, non-smoking, 5/4/9, contact Bob Redinski, X59184 or send e-mail.

- **Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, call Paul Sacco, X56725 or Bill Joyce, X56774.

- **Edwardsburg, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, meet at Price Chopper in Edwardsburg, call John Stochla, X58793 or Wayne Watkins, X58642.

- **Allentown area:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, starts at William Penn highway park and Ride, stops in Wind Gap, call Ed Estrada, X56683.

- **Jessup area:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, call Bob, X58818 or Gene, X57532.

- **Archbald, Jessup, Dunmore:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, shared driving, pick-up points are

- St. Thomas, Cousins Park and Ride, and the Holiday Inn, contact Mike, X56550, or mike.chapman@us.army.mil.

- **White Haven, Mountain Top, Freeland, Hazleton, Drums, Conyngham:** 3 openings, 3rd shift, van, call John Yackiel, X57245.

- **Dunmore, East Scranton:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 9/4/5, non-smoking, door-to-door pickup, call Rich Kocis, X56816.



TRADING POST

- **Lakeview lot for sale:** 3/4 acre, located on level, paved, private road, full lake rights, access to indoor and outdoor pools, clubhouse, beaches, tennis courts, outdoor ice skating, minutes from ski resorts and Lake Wallenpaupack, \$17,000, call 499-1540.

- **Refrigerator/freezer:** Whirlpool, side-by-side, 19.9 cu. ft, frost-free both sides, white textured finish, asking \$100, call 346-9549.

- **Free:** Cat, black/white, short hair, de-clawed, born around September 2006, good with children, has had first shots, call 575-9127.

- **Truck:** 2005, Ford F150, 4x4, extended cab, 6' 6" bed with liner, 18,500 miles, in excellent condition, asking \$22,000, call Ron, 346-9549 after 5 p.m.

- **Bicycle:** 2005 Santa Cruz VP Free, excellent condition, Hayes 8-inch discs front and rear, Fox DHX 5.0 rear shock, new Marzocchi single crown fork, E13 chain guide system, Hadley rear hub, new front and rear derailleurs, \$2,000., call John, 402-0762.

- **Picnic table:** Oak, 6 feet long, good shape, several years old, asking \$50, call Ray, 676-0783.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Raymond Anderson	Electronics worker	D/Comm Sys
Joseph Baker	Electronics worker	D/SIS
Nicholas Barnes	Painter helper	D/SIS
Lawrence Bloom	Materials expediter	D/C3/Avionics
Charlie Blunt	Materials handler	D/PM
Francis Brohal	Electrical worker	D/SIS
Adam Colacicco	Electronics worker	D/Comm Sys
John Cruz	Electronics equipment spec	D/C3/Avionics
Keith Dailey	Painter helper	D/SIS
Jedediah Dziak	Electronics mechanic helper	D/ISR
Christopher Fuller	Electronics equipment spec	D/C3/Avionics
Morris Hunsinger	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Michael Kauker	Machine tool operator	D/SIS
Amanda Kerr	Supply technician	D/PM
Leo Longazel	Electroplating worker	D/SIS
John Need	Supply technician	D/PM
Vincent Nguyen	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
David Olander	Electrical worker	D/Comm Sys
Nicole Soignet	Secretary	D/C3/Avionics
Donald Thomas	Electronics mechanic helper	D/ISR
Joseph Twardowski	Electronics mechanic helper	D/Comm Sys
Robert Wormuth	Electronics worker	D/Comm Sys
Carl Youngblood	Sandblaster	D/SIS



CAREER MILESTONE



From left, Steve Jackson, Deputy Depot Commander Frank Zardecki, John Parada and Alan Bucklaw attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held April 23.

Three Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the April 23 Length of Service ceremony.

Alan Bucklaw, 35 years, Forward Repair Activity division chief, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

John Parada, 30 years, chief, FRA European/Deployed Region Branch, FRA Division, C-3/Avionics Directorate.

Steve Jackson, 30 years, electronics

mechanic, Air Traffic Control Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, honorees with 35 years of service received an engraved mantel clock and 30-year honorees received a framed American flag and aerial photo of the depot.

Honorees who attend the ceremony get a four-hour time-off award. Deputy Depot Commander Frank Zardecki presented the awards.



Depot hosts current, future leaders

Top, Nick Lipcavage (seated), an electronics worker in the Communications Directorate, briefs William Landon about the repair and test mission for Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCGARS). Landon is director of Communications, Logistics and Readiness Center, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (C-E LCMC). To Landon's left are Saverio Panduri, acting chief of the C-E LCMC's MILSATCOM Tactical Division, and Mark DiPaola, deputy director of Communications. They were here on April 17 and 18.

Left, Robert Katulka, director, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Directorate, briefs Teresa Gerton, U.S. Army Materiel Command deputy chief of staff for Resource Management, G-8, on the AN/PSS-14 mine detector overhaul workload during her visit April 13.

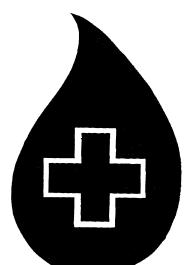
Below, Francis LoDolce, electronics worker, SINCGARS Branch, shows West Point cadets how he tests an RT-1522B SINCGARS radio using an AN/GRM-122 during a visit here April 17. The cadets are engineering psychology majors studying the use of ergonomics in the workplace and projects dealing with Command, Control, Communications, Computer (C4) ISR equipment. (Photos by Tony Medici and Steve Grzezdzinski)



Red Cross Blood Drive

The depot's Red Cross blood drive dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month.

To schedule an appointment, employees must obtain supervisory approval and then call X57091.



Spring Clean Up: Volunteers take out the trash

Depot volunteers collected about 45 pallets of material during Spring Clean Up April 23 and 24. People working in the mission areas removed waste from various areas while others picked up trash along the roads and in common areas around the installation. Items were sorted, recycled and processed for disposal.

"Everyone did a great job of policing the controlled area," said Paul Roberts, Utilities and Grounds Division chief. "Volunteers filled numerous garbage bags with trash found in several locations."

Public Works sponsored this year's event along with the Environmental Management Division, Industrial Modernization Division, Tool Management Division, Defense Distribution Depot-Tobyhanna, and the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate. (Photos by Tony Medici)



Army values posters get a makeover

WASHINGTON — New Army Values posters are going up in offices and barracks world-wide.

The original Army Values posters were first published nine years ago.

"This update is important because the Army Values posters serve as a visual reminder of our culture and provide an incentive for Soldiers to live up to the Army Values," said Kittie Messman, Values project manager in the Army G-1's office.

The posters were released March 15. All publications account holders who normally receive Department of the Army posters will receive the Values posters through normal publications supply channels. Account holders may order additional posters through their publications control officer.

The intent of the posters is to re-emphasize and reinvigorate Army Values, according to Army G-1.

Army culture promotes certain norms of conduct which include a unique service ethic expected of every Soldier - to make personal sacrifices in selfless service to the Nation.

Additionally, leaders require the highest level of individual and organizational discipline and moral values during peace and war. The moral and ethical tenets of the Army Values characterize the Army culture and describe the ethical standards expected of all Soldiers.

"The Army Values are the baseline, core and foundation of every Soldier," said Messman, herself a retired Army Master Sgt. "They define who they are, what they do, what they stand for, and drive their actions at home, work, in peace and during war."

The posters may be viewed and downloaded from the Army G-1's Web site www.armyg1.army.mil/HR/ARMYVALUES.ASP and will be featured in upcoming issues of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.

Army Values

LOYALTY. Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers. This means supporting the military and civilian chain of command, as well as devoting oneself to the welfare of others.

DUTY. Fulfill your obligations. Duty is the legal and moral obligation to do what should be done without being told.

RESPECT. Treat people as they should be treated. This is the same as do unto others as you would have done unto you.

SELFLESS SERVICE. Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and subordinates before your own. This means putting the welfare of the Nation and accomplishment of the mission ahead of personal desires.

LIVE UP TO ALL THE ARMY VALUES. This implies always following your moral compass in any circumstance.

INTEGRITY. Do what's right-legally and morally. This is the thread woven through the fabric of the professional Army ethic. It means honesty, uprightness, the avoidance of deception, and steadfast adherence to standards of behavior.

PERSONAL COURAGE. Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical or moral). This means being brave under all circumstances (physical or moral).

— LOYALTY —

Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers.

 A large, detailed photograph of the U.S. Capitol building's dome against a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a group of soldiers in uniform stand in formation, facing the camera. The U.S. Army logo is in the bottom left corner, and the "CALL TO DUTY" slogan is in the bottom right corner.

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance"

— Thomas Jefferson

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